

University Health Council Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 2nd, 2024- via Zoom
Meeting called to order by Chair Ellen Lutz

Present:

Ellen Lutz (Chair, Libraries), Liz Bertone-Johnson (Public Health), George Corey (UHS), Patti Cromack (CNS), Amira Elmansoury (SGA), Jeff Hescok (EHS), Collin Humphries (SGA), Suhani Manish Hingar (SGA), Lisa Minter (VASCI), Mike Pease (SPP), Eitan Perry (SGA), Pamela Shea (ESL), Joe Van Allen (CDPS), Andrew McMahon (UHS), Melissa Rotkiewicz (CCPH), Marco Ulysse (SGA)

1) Introduction of Health Council members

2) Meeting Minutes from 12/01/2024

-Minutes Approved

3) Spring 2024 Health Updates

George reported that UHS is up and ready to see students this semester. There are updates to the virtual waiting room, and patient surveys are favorable.

There is an uptick in COVID-19 infections. Influenza was present last semester, but that has gone down. George predicts that there will be more COVID-19 infections this semester, as well as another spike in influenza.

Jeff reported that the vaccine clinics and STI testing clinics are continuing this semester. Free blood pressure clinics, mostly targeted at staff, are continuing this semester.

(<https://www.umass.edu/news/article/free-blood-pressure-clinics-being-offered-campus-1>)

Andrew reported that UHS is improving both walk-in and primary care and invites people to make use of the services provided there.

Melissa reported that CCPH is offering new workshops and trainings this semester.

(<https://www.umass.edu/counseling/groups-and-workshops>) Students can now do either in person or Zoom intake sessions.

Questions:

Patti asked if COVID-19 testing would continue this semester. UHS continues to offer these tests.

Lisa asked if isolation expectations continue the same this semester, and if Paxlovid is available at UHS. Isolation expectations remain the same. Paxlovid is available at UHS. If one tests positive at home, they are able to have it prescribed both in person and over the phone.

Eitan asked if there is any way for students to test outside of UHS currently, and how students can obtain masks. Students are able to get antigen tests and masks at UHS. There is a vending machine in the basement of the Campus Center.

(4) Future Business

Mike asked for the council to follow up with the Men's Health Center that the council discussed during AY 2022-2023.

Lisa asked for an update on Period@UMass.

Mike asked for the council to meet with the UMass Allies for Illness and Disability Access UMAIDA group to better understand how to work with people with disabilities, and Patti asked that Disability Services join in on that conversation.

George asked for an update from the Okanagan Charter.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.

Minutes prepared by Caitlyn Foster (Faculty Senate Project Assistant)